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ABSTRACT

This book provides a multicultural curriculum that can be used alone or as a supplemental program for language arts and social studies instruction in kindergarten through grade 6. It uses the pluralistic values of the students' heritages to develop their social and problem-solving abilities. Each of the 30 units contains quotations that exemplify the concept being studied; lists of selections from children's literature; and activities addressing a societal, educational, and content-area goal. Units help students appreciate the differences and similarities among 30 different cultural groups, and cover topics such as "being yourself," "giving kindness," "overcoming fears," and "valuing school." Students learn strategies for resolving conflict, develop self-management skills and self-esteem, and build stronger bonds between home and school. The book suggests 20 methods of assessing students' development of social educational strategies and applying their reading and writing skills and content-area knowledge in their lives outside of school. (Contains 39 blackline masters for activities and more than 300 quotations that promote cultural awareness.) (SLD)

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